

REMARKS

The current listing of claims replaces the list of claims submitted in the amendment filed September 17, 2003. The amendment document filed September 17, 2003 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. Applicants assume the basis for this was that the text of the withdrawn claims was not included. If this is not the case, Applicants request that they be advised of the specific reason for non-compliance and be given an opportunity to respond. The listing of claims submitted in this response includes the text of the withdrawn claims as required in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) dated September 29, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Also, Claim 41 was amended in the amendment filed September 17, 2003 and was inadvertently described as "original." Applicants have corrected this in the replacement listing of claims submitted in this response.

For the reasons stated in the amendment filed September 17, 2003, Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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